REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment the specification and claim 1 are amended to correct minor informalities therein. The changes are not believed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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